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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING

AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID

DEVICE

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 2000 FIAIL ROOM § 1.56(a) exists.

The following references are submitted for the Examiner's review:

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As this information is being submitted within three months of the date of filing of the application, Applicant understands that no fee or certification is required for the submission and consideration of this information at this time.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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